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DIGITAL MAPPING OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the comprehensive plan prepared by the Government for modernisation/computerisation of land records in the country;

(b) whether the Government is also going to use digital mapping of immovable properties;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the proposed scheme is going to replace the existing schemes of Computerisation of Land Records and Strengthening of Revenue Administration; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) to (c). The schemes of Computerization of Land Records (CLR) and Strengthening of Revenue Administration & Updating of Land Records (SRA & ULR) are being implemented across the country by the Government of India since the late 1980`s. Under the scheme of CLR, 100% Central assistance is provided to the States and UTs for computerization of land records and digitization of maps. Under the scheme of SRA & ULR, 50% Central assistance to the States and 100% Central assistance to UTs is provided for strengthening of their revenue administration and survey & settlement organizations, carrying out survey operations, updating of land records, purchase of modern survey equipment, training of revenue functionaries, etc. Significant progress has been made under these schemes, and several States, e.g., Karnataka, Gujarat, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, West Bengal, etc. have made considerable progress in computerizing the records of rights and their land revenue administration set up. Many other States are also moving ahead in this direction. Further, there is scope for enlarging the ambit of these schemes and taking a comprehensive approach to digitize cadastral records and other land data and integrating it with core GIS as well as computerization of property registration, inter-connectivity of revenue and registration offices, automatic initiation of mutation notices, and creation of district, state and national land data banks. This approach could be piloted in some select districts in various parts of the country, and a comprehensive plan could be prepared. However, such an approach is not yet finalized.

(d) & (e). The replacement of the two existing schemes with the new comprehensive scheme is not finalized yet.